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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein. Some of these references were cited in the PCT Search Report dated February 15, 2005 and the Written Opinion dated February 15, 2005 of the corresponding PCT patent application. Enclosed also are copies of the PCT Search Report and Written Opinion. It is noted JP2001-332851 has an English language counterpart, U.S. Publication No. US2004/0238211. A copy of the Publication is not being provided as the PTO waived the requirement on July 11, 2003. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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